Discarded medicines in circulation

661. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drugs like Analgin, Cisapride, Nimesulide, Droperol, Furoxone, Helmazan, etc. discarded worldwide due to serious side effects, are among the best sellers in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The stated drugs like Analgin, Cisapride, Nimesulide, Droperol, Furoxone, Helmazan (Helmizin) are not discarded worldwide due to serious side effects. These drugs are available in many countries. After examining the safety and efficacy, these drugs have been allowed to be marketed in the country.

(b) Question does not arise.

Organ sale in the country

662. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total organ sale in the country and why it is still illegal in the country;

(b) whether Government have any plans to make organ trade legal;

(c) who is governing the organ trade of kidney, heart, liver, skin, umbilical cord, cornea, etc. in the country;

(d) whether it is a fact that India supplies organs to all over the world and if so, what is the *modus operandi*; and

(e) the details of steps taken to curb organ trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) As per sub-section 1 and 3 of section 9 of Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994, it is illegal to sell any human organ. Hence, there is no plan/proposal to make organ trade legal. The Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994 restricts removal of transplantable organs from live donors to near relatives only. However, in cases of transplantation involving non-related donors permission of an Authorised Committee duly constituted by a Gazette notification of the Central Government/State Government concerned including those declared brain stem dead is necessary. The committee may on receipt of a joint application made by the live donor and the recipient made for reasons of affection in the manner prescribed in the said Act, after it has satisfied itself about such reasons in order to rule out commercial dealings in human organs, grant such permission.

(d) No such information is available.

(e) Does not arise.